

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

HAROLD PERSAUD,)	JUDGE DONALD C. NUGENT
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Petitioner,)	CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:14 CR-00276
)	
vs.)	
)	CIVIL CASE NO.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MOTION TO VACATE AND SET ASIDE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION
AND SENTENCE UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2255

1. (a) Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction you are challenging: United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
(b) Criminal docket or case number: 1:14 CR-00276
2. (a) Date of judgment of conviction: January 5, 2016
(b) Date of sentencing: December 18, 2015
3. Length of sentence: 20 years
4. Nature of crime (all counts): Health Care Fraud (Count 1); False Statement Relating to Health Care Matters (Counts 2-5); False Statement Relating to Health Care Matters (Counts 7-15); Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Criminal Activity (Count 16)
5. What was your plea? Not guilty ☒ Guilty ☐ Nolo contendere ☐
6. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? Jury ☒ Judge ☐
7. Did you testify at a pretrial hearing, trial, or post-trial hearing? Yes ☐ No ☒
8. Did you appeal from the judgement of conviction? Yes ☒ No ☐
9. If you did appeal, answer the following:
 - (a) Name of court: United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
 - (b) Docket or case numbers: 16-3105; 16-3427; and 16-3578

(c) Result: Judgment Affirmed

(d) Date of Result: June 13, 2017

(e) Citation to the case: United States v. Persaud, 866 F.3d 371 (6th Cir. 2017)

(f) Ground raised: Sufficiency of the Evidence

(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court? Yes ☐ No ☒

(1) Docket or case number:

(2) Result:

(3) Date of result:

(4) Citation to the case:

(5) Grounds raised:

10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications, concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?

Yes ☐ No ☒

11. N/A

12. For this motion, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE:

UNTESTED, UNQUALIFIED "EXPERT" TESTIMONY AND IMPERMISSIBLE OPINION TESTIMONY WAS ADMITTED AT TRIAL THROUGH INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS "EXPERT" WITNESSES, AND INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS "LAY" WITNESSES, AS THE RESULT OF COUNSEL'S INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE

A. Under the Strickland Standard Counsel were Deficient

B. Trial and Appellate Counsel were Ineffective in Failing to Challenge the Government's "Expert" Witnesses and Their Proposed Testimony as Required Under the Federal Rules of Evidence and Daubert v. Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993)

C. Trial and Appellate Counsel were Ineffective in Failing to Challenge the Government's "Lay" Witnesses Who Clearly Gave Expert Testimony and Impermissible Opinion Testimony at Trial

(a) Supporting facts: See Attached Memorandum in Support

(b) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

GROUND TWO:

COUNSEL WERE INEFFECTIVE FOR FAILING TO PROPERLY OBJECT TO "AMOUNT OF LOSS" CALCULATIONS, AND FOR FAILING TO RAISE ON APPEAL THAT "AMOUNT OF LOSS" CLAIMED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS EXPERTS WAS BASED UPON ERRONEOUS FACTS AND WAS IMPROPERLY CALCULATED, RENDERING DR. PERSAUD'S RESULTING SENTENCE INSUPPORTABLE, UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND ILLEGAL.

(a) Supporting facts: See Attachment Memorandum in Support

(b) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? Yes ☒ No ☐

14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the case for the judgment you are challenging:

(a) At the arraignment and plea: Henry Hilow, Esq.

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16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court at the same time? Yes ☒ No ☐
17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging? Yes ☐ No ☒
18. TIMELINESS OF MOTION: If your judgment of conviction became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion: N/A

Therefore, Mr. Persaud requests that the Court vacate and set aside the judgment of conviction and Sentence on Counts 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, and 16, and grant any other relief to which may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,


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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on 6/7/18


Harold Persaud